



Sully Spotlight

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Events of Interest

☞ **Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting- Tues., April 15 7:30 p.m., 4900 Stonecroft Blvd.**

☞ **Western Fairfax Community Day- Saturday, April 19**

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 7-11, 2008



"Slow for the Cone Zone"



- Over the last five years, the number of persons killed in motor vehicle crashes in work zones has risen from 989 in 2001 to 1,074 in 2005 (an average of 1,068 fatalities a year).
- Eighty-five percent of those killed in a work zone are drivers or occupants.
- On average from 2001 to 2005 about 15 percent of the fatalities resulting from crashes in work zones were non-motorists (pedestrians and bicyclists).
- More than 40,000 people are injured each year as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones.
- Of the 1,074 work zone fatalities in 2005, 235 occurred in crashes involving large trucks.
- In addition:
 - ☞ approximately half of all fatal work zone crashes occurred during the day.
 - ☞ more than two times as many fatal work zone crashes occurred on weekdays as on weekends.
 - ☞ fatal work zone crashes occurred most often in the summer and the fall.

Roadways Keep America Moving. Drive Safely in Work Zones!

Sources: Fatal crashes and fatalities - Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
Injuries - General Estimates System (GES)

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/wz_facts.htm

A WEEK TO REMEMBER

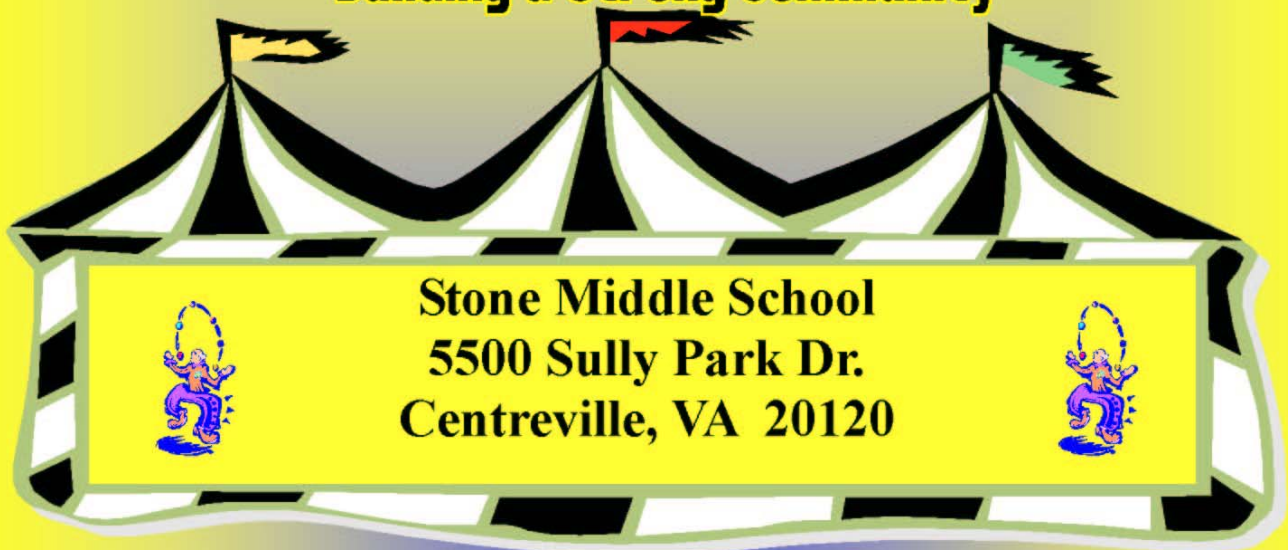
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Caltrans in partnership with The National Work Zone Awareness Week Executive Committee

**Western Fairfax
Community Day 2008
"Building a Strong Community"**



Free
Food **Information**
Entertainment **Fun**

**April 19, 2008
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request.

703-324-4386, TTY 711

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Sully District Police Station's 5th Anniversary Open House



***4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151
Saturday, May 3, 2008
10 a.m.—2 p.m.***

Pony Rides

Police Dogs

Moon Bounces

Police Cars

McGruff

Helicopter

Child Fingerprinting and much, much more!

Free shuttle service will run from Westfield High School



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To request this information in an alternate format, call the Public Information Office at
703-246-2253. TTY 703-204-2264



A Family Dedicated to Service



Greta and Gracie

Two years ago I introduced you to Gracie, the bomb dog, who is stationed out of the Sully District Police Station with her handler, PFC Joe Clerkin. On February 14, 2008, another black lab walked into the police station. Greta came in search of her sister. She last saw Gracie when they were separated at adoption time.

Ironically, Greta is a service dog as well. Both Greta and Gracie were in training to be Guiding Eyes for the Blind, but they did not meet the criteria to do the work. Gracie was then selected by the ATF to become a bomb dog. She was chosen by PFC Joe Clerkin to become his partner and went on to graduate top of her class in ATF bomb school. Greta joined Manassas Therapy Dogs in 2005 with her handler, Linda Deam. MTD is affiliated with Therapy Dogs Inc. To become a therapy team, the dog must be at least a year old, friendly with people and other dogs, comfortable around crowds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. Prospective members and their dogs are tested and do practice visits prior to having their dogs registered. Greta's group visits Prince William Hospital, area nursing homes and participates in PAWS, which is a reading program for elementary age children. Greta and Linda currently are involved at Mullen Elementary in Manassas. They also have participated in a burn camp and a grief camp, both for children. Greta and Linda generally visit one place a week. When she is not doing her therapy work, Greta is a household pet.

Greta and Gracie share the common purpose of serving their community. We were very fortunate to meet Greta and Gracie can now stay in touch with her sister. A special thank you to Linda Deam for bringing Greta in to the station to reunite Gracie and Greta.

Share the Road

Motorcycle Safety Awareness

April 21– May 2, 2008

- Motorcycles are vehicles with the same rights and privileges as any vehicle on the roadway.
- Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width. Although it may seem as though there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.
- Approximately one-half of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle. Nearly 40 percent were caused by the other vehicle turning left in front of the motorcyclist.
- Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. Motorcycles have a much smaller profile than vehicles, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Remember that motorcyclists are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size. Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle. Motorcycle signals usually are not self-cancelling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.
- Remember that road conditions which are minor annoyances to you pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Motorcyclists may change speed or adjust their position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.
- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, following a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.



**PARENTS
WHO HOST
LOSE
THE MOST™**

Don't be
a party to
teenage
drinking.

It's against
the law.

The Countywide Initiative To Reduce Underage Drinking is endorsed by
Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County Government

Call 703-691-2131, TTY 711 to report underage drinking parties to the police

Contact 571-423-4270 for further information about the initiative.

Funds for this ad provided by a Drug Free Community Support Program Grant
awarded to the Unified Coalition of Fairfax County from the Office of National Drug
Control Policy in partnership with SAMHSA

Code of Virginia § 4.1-306. Purchasing alcoholic beverages for one to whom they may not be sold; penalty; forfeiture.

A. Any person who purchases alcoholic beverages for another person, and at the time of such purchase knows or has reason to believe that the person for whom the alcoholic beverage was purchased was (i) interdicted, or (ii) intoxicated, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

A1. Any person who purchases for, or otherwise gives, provides, or assists in the provision of alcoholic beverages to another person, knowing that such person was less than 21 years of age, except (i) pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 7 of § 4.1-200; (ii) where possession of the alcoholic beverages by a person less than 21 years of age is due to such person's making a delivery of alcoholic beverages in pursuance of his employment or an order of his parent; or (iii) by any state, federal, or local law-enforcement officer when possession of an alcoholic beverage is necessary in the performance of his duties, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for a period of not more than one year. The court, in its discretion, may authorize any person convicted of a violation of this section the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subsection D of § 16.1-278.9 or subsection E of § 18.2-271.1.

C. Any alcoholic beverages purchased in violation of this section shall be deemed contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-338.

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Thursday, April 3, 2008
Thursday, April 10, 2008
Thursday, April 17, 2008
Thursday, April 24, 2008

5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
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No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

CAC Corner



The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who lives or works in the Sully District is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Traffic Trivia

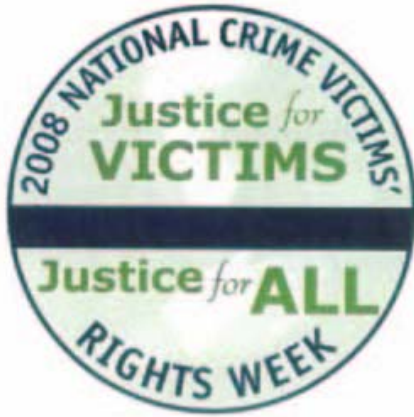


Code of Virginia § 46.2-878.1. *Maximum speed limits in highway work zones; penalty.*

Operation of any motor vehicle in excess of a maximum speed limit established specifically for a highway work zone, when workers are present and when such highway work zone is indicated by appropriately placed signs displaying the maximum speed limit and the penalty for violations, shall be unlawful and constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

For the purposes of this section, "highway work zone" means a construction or maintenance area that is located on or beside a highway and marked by appropriate warning signs or other traffic control devices indicating that work is in progress.

Nothing in this section shall preclude the prosecution or conviction for reckless driving of any motor vehicle operator whose operation of any motor vehicle in a highway work zone, apart from speed, demonstrates a reckless disregard for life, limb, or property.



THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA
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PROVIDERS CORDIALLY INVITES
YOU TO ATTEND A CANDLELIGHT
VIGIL OF COURAGE, HOPE AND
REMEMBRANCE

“Justice for Victims, Justice for All”

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2008
Time: 3:00 p.m.
(Reception immediately following program)

Location: Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia

For further information call the Victim Services Section of the Fairfax County Police
Department at (703) 246-2141

From 495

Take Exit 9—Rt.66 West
Take Exit 57—Rt.50 West
Take exit for West Ox Road
On West Ox Road turn left at the third light onto Monument Drive
Take Monument Drive until it dead-ends at Government Center Parkway
Turn right onto the Parkway
The Government Center is on your left

Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime
Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime
Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat
Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)
703-691-2131

Shelter Announces Time Changes for 2008 Rabies Clinics

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will change the time for each of its remaining 2008 low-cost rabies clinics. **The clinics will now be held from 2 – 4 p.m.** at the animal shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

Dates for the 2008 clinics are:

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Sunday, July 13, 2008

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008

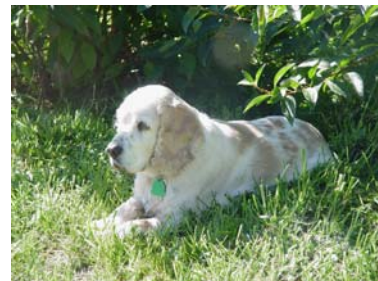


The cost for rabies shots at the clinic is \$10.00. The clinic is held for dogs, cats and ferrets. All dogs should be on leashes and all cats and ferrets in carriers.

Fairfax County 2008 dog licenses will be sold separately at the clinic and cost \$5.00 for altered dogs and \$10.00 for unaltered dogs (please bring proof of your pet's spay or neuter).

The clinic is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division and Deepwood Veterinary Hospital. For more information, please call (703) 830-1000.

For more information about the rabies clinic, visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices>.



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